

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. One or more plant cells comprising a polynucleotide that encodes a human
2 acetylcholinesterase.
- 1 2. A tissue culture of regenerable cells derived from the plant cell of claim 1.
- 1 3. A transgenic plant, or a part thereof, derived from the plant cell of claim 1.
- 1 4. A seed derived from the plant of claim 3.
- 1 5. Pollen derived from the plant of claim 3.
- 1 6. The plant of claim 3, wherein said plant is capable of expressing a physiologically
2 active human acetylcholinesterase in at least one tissue type of said plant.
- 1 7. The plant of claim 3, or a part thereof, wherein said plant is a tomato plant.
- 1 8. A method of making a transgenic plant that is capable of expressing a physiologically
2 active human acetylcholinesterase, comprising the steps of:
3 a) introducing into at least one plant cell a polynucleotide that encodes a
4 human acetylcholinesterase; and
5 b) regenerating from said plant cell a transgenic plant that is capable of
6 expressing said physiologically active human acetylcholinesterase
7 in at least one tissue type of said transgenic plant.
- 1 9. A method of making a physiologically active human acetylcholinesterase, comprising
2 the steps of:
3 a) introducing into at least one plant cell a polynucleotide that encodes a
4 human acetylcholinesterase;
5 b) regenerating from said plant cell a transgenic plant that is capable of
6 expressing said physiologically active human acetylcholinesterase
7 in at least one tissue type of said transgenic plant; and

- 8 c) isolating or purifying from said transgenic plant or a part thereof said
9 physiologically active human acetylcholinesterase.

- 1 10. A method of treating a victim of acetylcholinesterase poisoning, comprising the step
2 of administering a therapeutic amount of a physiologically active human
3 acetylcholinesterase expressed in plant tissue.

- 1 11. An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid molecule including a sequence
2 selected from the group consisting of:

- 3 a) SEQ ID NO:1;
4 b) SEQ ID NO:2;
5 c) SEQ ID NO:3;
6 d) SEQ ID NO:4; and
7 e) SEQ ID NO:5..

- 1 12. A transformed cell comprising the polynucleotide of claim 11.

- 1 13. A synthetic polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid molecule that encodes a human
2 acetylcholinesterase.

- 1 14. A transformed cell comprising the polynucleotide of claim 13.